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AMENDMENT TO THE LAW ON VOTING IN HUNGARY

Summary: The following is a comprehensive summary of Law II of 1953, amending laws VIII of 1945, XXII of 1947, and IX of 1949, on the national elections in Hungary.

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The Right to Vote

All citizens who have completed their 18th year on or before 1 January of the election year have the right to vote, except the following: (1) persons sentenced to the loss of civil rights, (2) persons serving a prison sentence or detained for trial, (3) persons under police arrest or surveillance, or (4) persons declared insane.

Election Districts

The members of the National Assembly shall be elected by election districts. Each megye and the City of Budapest constitutes an election district. The number of National Assembly members and substitutes shall be determined by the Országos Választási Bizottság (National Election Council) for each election district separately, on the basis of one member per 32,000 inhabitants. The number of substitutes shall be one half the number of members.

Election Committees

National, election-district, jaras, city (city-district), and town election committees shall be organized within 8 days after the announcement of the date of the election. The members of the election committees shall be appointed as follows: for the National Election Committee, by the Presidential Council on the recommendation of the National Council of the Nepfront (Magyar Függetlenségi Nepfront, Hungarian People's Front of Independence); and for the election-district, jaras, city (city-district), and town elections committees, by the executive committees of the appropriate local councils on the recommendation of the Nepfront.

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The National Election Committee is composed of a chairman, a deputy chairman, a secretary, and 12 members. Its tasks are as follows: (1) to supervise the legality of the elections, (2) to receive the election-district registers, (3) to keep a record of the candidates, and (4) to announce the national results of the election.

The election-district committee is composed of a chairman, a deputy chairman and five members. It supervises the legality of the election in its area, publishes the list of candidates, determines the results of the election, and issues the mandates to the elected candidates.

The jaras, city (city-district), and town election committee is composed of a chairman, a deputy chairman, and three members.

The city (city-district) and town election committees shall appoint for each election ward a balloting committee, composed of a chairman, a deputy chairman, and three members, which shall prepare and conduct the balloting, shall supervise the legality of the election, and shall count the ballots.

Nomination of Candidates

The candidates for both regular and substitute membership in the National Assembly shall be nominated by the mass organizations; by the workers of industrial plants, of machine stations, of state farms, of producers cooperatives, and of public authorities; and by the members of the armed forces.

The minutes of the [nominating] meetings shall be transmitted to the megye committees or the Budapest committee of the Nepfront. Candidates for the representation of the megye or of Budapest shall be recommended by the megye or Budapest committee of the Nepfront from among the candidates nominated by the meetings.

The register of candidates shall be transmitted by the megye committees or the Budapest committee to national committee of the Nepfront which, in turn, shall transmit it to the National Election Committee.

Election by Majority

Candidates for membership in the National Assembly shall be considered elected if the majority of the ballots has been cast for the list of candidates.

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